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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 09/788,225	<b>Applicant(s)</b> ENNS ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Le H Luu	<b>Art Unit</b> 2141	

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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02/16/2001 - 05/21/2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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1. Claims 1-18 are presented for examination.
2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

3. Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Henderson et al. (Henderson) patent no. 6,185,603.

4. As to claim 1, Henderson teaches the invention as claimed, including a method for sending a message using at least one transport, comprising:

receiving data including at least one address; and for each address in the data (col. 6 line 61 - col. 9 line 49),

determining a transport to deliver the message using data associated with the address (col. 3 lines 4-10; col. 6 line 61 - col. 9 line 49); and

setting a flag associated with the message to indicate the determined transport (col. 3 lines 4-10).

2. As to claims 2-4, Henderson teaches determining the transport includes examining the data associated with the address for pre-defined patterns; an address is determined to be a wireless address if the address contains numbers, and determined

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to be a default transport if the data associated with the address contains no identifiable predefined pattern (col. 6 line 61 - col. 9 line 49).

5. As to claims 5-6, Henderson teaches the data associated with the address explicitly indicates that a particular transport should deliver the message to the address; and the data is associated with the address in response to a user selecting the address from a list (col. 6 line 61 - col. 7 line 19).

6. As to claims 7-8, Henderson teaches each transport performing the actions of: determining if the flag indicates the transport should deliver the message; and if so, delivering the message; and each transport performing the actions of: determining if the transport is a last transport to send the message; and if so, further processing the message (col. 5 lines 16-30; col. 6 line 61 - col. 9 line 49).

7. As to claims 9-11, Henderson inherently teaches an email system that capable of processing the message includes moving the message to a destination folder; the destination folder is a sent items folder or a deleted items folder (col. 4 line 47 - col. 5 line 31).

8. Claims 12-18 have similar limitations as claims 1-11; therefore, they are rejected under the same rationale.

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9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Le H. Luu, whose telephone number is (703) 305-9650. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia, can be reached at (703) 305-4003. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 746-7240.

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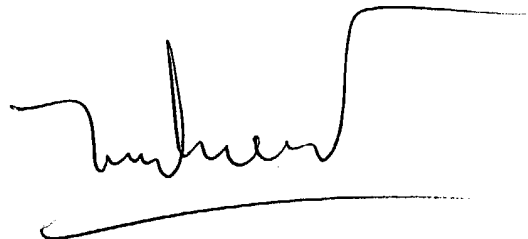
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PRIMARY EXAMINER

August 02, 2004

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